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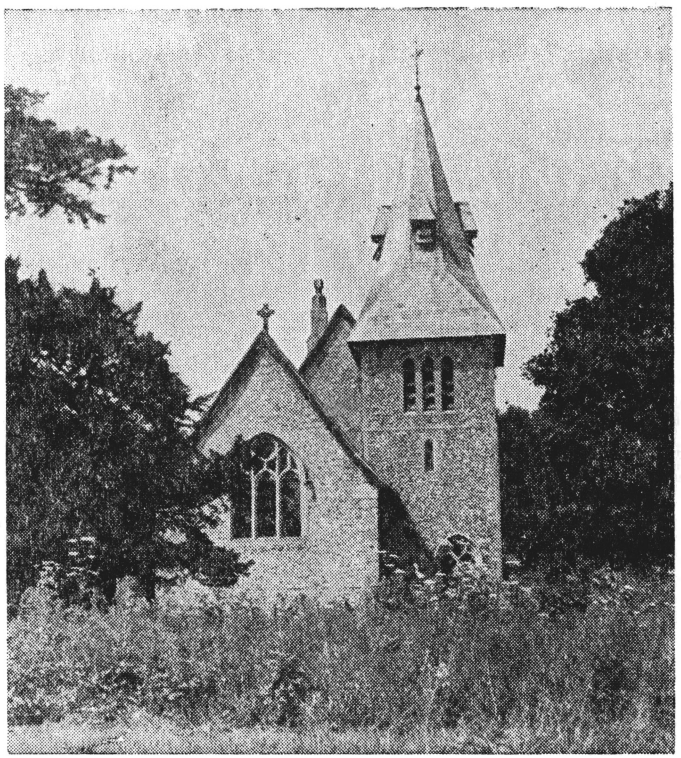

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EDITORIAL

Matter for August in by FIRST POST MONDAY 20th. Publication Friday 31st.

Market Stall in Faversham 3rd July in aid of Church Social Work—late Moral Welfare—Home-made cakes and all fresh garden produce wanted for sale, and helpers to man the stall from 8.30 a.m. All goods to be delivered early on the day, if this is impossible they will be accepted at Preston Vicarage during the evening prior to the sale.

A letter from the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Phillips:—

My dear Friends,

As I will be leaving the Deanery this month I would like to send you my thanks for your kindness and consideration at all times. Working amongst you as your Rural Dean has been a most happy and rewarding experience. My wife joins me in saying how we shall miss you all as we have made so many friends in the Ospringe Deanery.

The Archbishop will institute and induct me as Vicar of Margate on Monday, July 27th at 7.30 p.m. I would be happy and grateful if some of you could come to the service and if you can't would you please remember my wife and myself in your prayers that day.

Mrs. M. Parry, 8 Station Road, Faversham (Tel.: Fav. 2281) has very kindly agreed to supervise travelling arrangements from the Deanery to Margate.

Thanking you once again for your kindness and loyalty to us and wishing you all much blessing in your work for the Church we love.

Yours very sincerely,

F. W. PHILLIPS
O. M. PHILLIPS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, DODDINGTON with ST. MARGARET, WYCHLING and ST. PETER and ST. PAUL, NEWNHAM

The Reverend H. C. H. VEAZEY, Vicar Doddington 265

UP TO THE TIME OF WRITING it really has been a wonderful Spring and early Summer. Perhaps it will keep like this for the holidays and for for the fruit. This month most of the organisations that are still open are closing down with the beginning of School Holidays on July 23rd. The last *Choir Practice* at Newnham for the present will be on July 21st. Sunday School closes at Newnham on July 19th and at Doddington ends with the Family Service on July 26th.

THERE IS REALLY ONLY ONE DATE to keep in mind: Sunday, July 19th. Mr. W. H. Glossop, who is the speaker for the Church Missionary Society, and who is well known to us here, will be preaching at Newnham at Evensong at 6.30. That day there will be no Evensong at Doddington, because we shall all want to join together at Newnham.

WE HAD A GREAT DAY on June 14th when Bishop Rose came to Newnham to dedicate the Memorial to John Edward Prentis. That evening a big congregation met to do honour to one who has meant so much to Newnham. If you have not yet seen the memorial do go into the Church and look at it. Mrs. Prentis has asked me to pass on her thanks and those

of all the family to the very many friends who subscribed to the Memorial.

MR. AND MRS. WILD wwill be leaving Newnham at the end of the month. Besides being Lay Reader he and his wife have done a good deal for the Church and village and they will be missed. Fortunately he will be able to come over on Sundays to help with the services. We wish them joy in their new home.

SERVICES AT DODDINGTON

July 5 H.C. 8 a.m. E. 6.30 p.m.
12 M.P. and H.C. 11.15 a.m.
19 H.C. 8 a.m. (E. at Newnham).
26 Family Service 10.15 a.m.
Aug. 2 H.C. 8 a.m. E. 6.30 p.m.

FUNERAL. May 14th—Frances Eliza Sage, aged 74 years.

FLOWERS. July 5th and 12th Mrs. A. Payne; 19th Mrs. D. Wood; 26th Mrs. Veazey.

SERVICES AT NEWNHAM

July 5 H.C. 11.15 a.m. E. 6.30 p.m. (Mr. Wild).
12 H.C. 8 a.m. E. 6.30 p.m. (Mr. Wild).
19 E. 6.30 p.m. (Mr. Glossop).
26 H.C. 8 a.m. E. 6.30 p.m. (Mr. Wild).
Aug. 2 H.C. 11.15 a.m. E. 6.30 p.m. (Mr. Wild).

BAPTISMS. June 7th—Mark Shilling; June 14th—Cathy Ann Jenkins.

FLOWERS. July 5th and 12th Mrs. Harris; 19th and 26th Mrs. Neve.

BRASSES. Mrs. Yeandle.

SERVICES AT WYCHLING

July 5 H.C. 10 a.m.
12 E. 6.30 p.m.
19 M.P. 11.15 a.m.
26 E. 6.30 p.m.
Aug. 2 H.C. 10 a.m.

CHRIST CHURCH, DUNKIRK

The Reverend M. G. SEMPLE, Vicar. Boughton 308

Don't forget the Fete on August the eighth. Once again the Church was packed full for the informal Masonic Service yesterday June 14th. Collection £37.11.0. By golly Mrs. Wood and her helpers worked hard preparing and serving a first-class (not B.R.) tea to over 200 guests who were most appreciative. Many thanks, too, to Mr. and Mrs. Rowland of the Sir William Courtenay Hotel who " lent " us their kitchen and lawns. Just received:

Very dear Padre,

To mark an unusual event in an otherwise most enjoyable occasion giving so much pleasure to my wife, self and the couple with us we endeavour to express our peculiar thanks and gratefulness by asking you to accept the £2.2.0 enclosure for the best purpose, not overlooking the " after proceedings," you may deem it best to serve.

Thank you for finding space for us.
Thank you for such "princely company."
Thank your Ladies, Please, for such a generous Tea.
Thank you, in anticipation, of being invited again.

With respectful greetings,
Yours sincerely,
FLORA and JOHN G. CULL.

Many thanks to Mr. John Bond for repairing the Church fence and to Mr. Sid Grainger who helped me to creosote it—and thank you young Mr. Albert Punyer for providing the creosote. I am not prepared to accept contracts for creosoting!

I am very happy to report a steady increase in the number of children attending the 11 a.m. Act of Worship in the Church and Instruction in the Vicarage. Betty finds them more than a handful and would like assistance. She is very grateful to Christine and Heather who help her.

Mrs. LeMar has, on doctor's orders, reluctantly given up the cleaning etc. of the church which has been a labour of love for 15 years. Mrs. Sid Punyer has kindly taken it on.

HOLY BAPTISM

30th May, 1964—Grant Brinley John Thomas.
31st May, 1964—Kevin Anthony West.
7th June, 1964—Michael Andrew Joseph Stankovich.

BURIAL. 13th June, 1964—Bertha Robinson.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND BRASSES

July—Miss B. LeMar; August—Mrs. Horn and Mrs. M. Godden.

TAIL-PIECE

True story. Parishioner to rather deaf and proud mother of new Vicar, "What a wonderful Vicar." Mother (preening herself), "Yes, but you should see me with my corsets on!"

ST. MARY, EASTLING

The Reverend E. HUDSPITH, Rector Eastling 257

The Church Annual Garden Fête will be held in August, but I cannot yet give more details. Suffice to say that we hope for another happy day for everybody, and generous help for Church funds.

One matter which may involve heavy expenditure is the condition of the South wall of the Church due to the trees growing so close to it. This and other items of expenditure are not "cooked up" or "manufactured;" they are unavoidable, for all to see, and we sincerely hope that many will help to pay these bills to keep the Church in a decent condition.

May 24th was a happy Sunday evening when the Rev. F. W. Phillips preached for us and dedicated the new Rectory.

Likewise May 31st, the United Service at the Congregational Church at Faversham; a very worthwhile effort and demonstration of unity.

Similarly an outing by the Faversham Ministers' Fraternal to the Home of Divine Healing at Crowhurst, near Hastings.

God grant that we may have this true religion of His Son.

AT REST

After a long illness Mrs. Minnie Elizabeth Skinner passed away on 22nd June. We express our true sympathy with Mr. Skinner and all relatives.

HOLY BAPTISM

June 21 Andrew Coppins, Anthony Coppins.
June 28 Richard Gareth Davies.
"Jesus put his hands on them and blessed them."

Mrs. H. Parkinson has kindly consented to become secretary of the P.C.C. We welcome her and are sure that we will have efficient service and happy meetings also we trust.

Many many more people are religious than are christian. In fact the

story is told of a university lecturer who, before giving a talk on his special sports subject uttered the words, "Rowing is a religion, and this is one of the services."

Of course the training for rowing is often a very rigorous, strict and self-denying period, amongst the toughest in athletics.

To judge from a recent awful riot, some people in Peru follow their football with almost religious zeal.

Amongst world leaders we could almost say that France runs second to Roman Catholicism as the religion of De Gaulle; 40 years ago Clemencau resembled this. Makarios appears to be the religion of the president of Cyprus. President Nasser is a religious man. The trouble is that all other religions fall short of true christianity. No other founder of any religion can compare with our Saviour's gracious words "Come unto Me; I will give you rest," whether that founder be Mahomet, Karl Marx, Buddha or the Beatles. St. James tells us, "Pure religion and undefiled before God even the Father, is to visit the widows and the fatherless in their affliction and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

ALL SAINTS, GRAVENEY with ST. BARTHOLOMEW, GOODNESTONE

The Reverend S. W. QUAIF,
Vicar of Graveney and Rector of Goodnestone. Faversham 2786

HOLIDAYS. My wife and I hope to visit our family this year in America and are flying out on the 22nd of July. We shall be away for three Sundays, and during that time the Reverend Laurence Webster will be taking duty here. Mr. Webster comes from Buxton in Derbyshire, and will be staying at the Vicarage with his wife and two daughters. I do hope that he will receive a welcome, and that you will all show this by your attendance in church to profit from his ministry. Any parochial business which arises may be referred to the Churchwardens.

CHANGES. We are suffering another loss in that Mr. and Mrs. Waghorn are leaving the parish shortly to live in Boughton Aluph, and we shall miss him as Church Secretary, Church Treasurer and taxi-man for the Sunday School. Mr. Donald Abel has agreed to serve as Church Treasurer for Graveney, but I have not yet been able to find a successor as Secretary.

WOMEN'S OFFERING. The annual service was held at Canterbury on the 10th of June and the sum of £2,734 was handed to the Archbishop for the work of Social Responsibility. At our Lenten services the offerings were given for this cause, and they were duly presented £2.19.0.

FETE. Advance notice is given of the Fete to be held on Saturday, the 22nd of August at Langdon Court. There will be the usual attractions and I do ask the support of everybody. In the past the proceeds have been given to the Restoration Fund, but this year we feel thtat the amount raised must be given to general church expenses, as our weekly income is not keeping pace with the rising costs of coke, electricity, etc., and the increased quota we shall have to meet next year.

Free-Will Offering: May £11.3.11.

SERVICES IN JULY

5th—8.0 H.C. Goodnestone; 11.0 Family Service; 6.30 E.P. Graveney.
12th—8.0 H.C. Graveney; 11.0 M.P. Goodnestone; 6.30 E.P. Graveney.
19th—8.0 H.C. Goodnestone; 11.0 M.P. Goodnestone; 6.30 E.P. Graveney.
26th—8.0 H.C. Graveney; 11.0 M.P. Goodnestone; 6.30 E.P. Graveney.

CHURCH FLOWERS AND BRASSES

Graveney—July 5th Mrs. Quaif; 12th Mrs. Chambers; 19th Mrs. Theobald; 26th Miss Baker; August 2nd Mrs. Drury.

Goodnestone—July 5th Mrs. Castle; 12th Miss Epps; 19th Mrs. Minter; 26th Mrs. Newell; August 2nd Mrs. Quaif.

CHURCH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM. May 3rd—Deborah Gillian Waghorn.
17th—Paul Raymond Chaney.

ST. MICHAEL'S, HERNHILL

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ALTAR FLOWERS

July, Mrs. J. Sim; August, Mrs. Page.

HOLY MATRIMONY. 6th June—David Kennard to Janet Foster.

AT REST. 2nd June—Kathleen Gertrude Knowler, aged 46 years.
15th June—Victor Wheller Foreman, aged 80 years.
(Cremations at Charing)

COLLECTIONS

For Church Expenses: May 17th £4.6.7; 24th £2.1.1; 31st £3.6.6; June 6th £2.18.7; 14th £3.8.1. For Inter Church Aid: 7th June £7.0.4.

An important Christian work is carried on unobtrusively in our midst, it cannot be advertised for it is very personal and strictly confidential. It used to be known as Moral Welfare Work; many people disliked the name because they wrongly thought its sole work was with unmarried mothers. It is now called Church Social Work which widens its scope. It is a specific Christian ministry to any in trouble with their family or personal relationships. This Rural Deanery shares with Sittingbourne and Sheppey a highly trained and experienced worker who works alongside the statutory services, and often in close co-operation, but she has a special contribution to make from the Christian point of view. This work is expensive. Miss B. H. Foreman collects each year for this work, and Mrs. P. E. Miles by her efforts raises money for the Women's Offering which is used to support this work; but this is not enough, we need more regular subscribers. Do help us to carry on this vital Christian work. You can do this by supplying cakes and garden produce for the market stall which is being run on 3rd July in Faversham. All goods should be delivered early on the day, but, if you cannot deliver let me have them on the evening of the 2nd July and I will see they are delivered, also if anyone has an hour or two to spare, come to the stall and help.

Preparations are well ahead for the Fete being held in the grounds of Mount Ephraim on 18th July. There will be games, stalls, music, teas, etc., in fact something for everybody. The proceeds will be shared betwteen Church Funds and The Village Hall and Playing Fields, so do come and support this effort, and spend an enjoyable day.

The news of the death of Kathleen Gertrude Knowler, at such an early age shocked us all. To her husband, Jennifer, John and Martin we extend our deepest sympathy.

Also the death of Victor Wheller Foreman removes an old familiar face from the parish. To all bereaved we pray that they may receive and feel that "Peace which passes man's understanding."

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ST. PETER and ST. PAUL, LYNSTED with
ST. CATHERINE, KINGSDOWN

The Reverend V. C. PUPLETT, Vicar Teynham371

ST. MARY, NORTON

SUNDAYS, the 5th and 19th July—8.0 a.m. H.C.; 11.30 a.m. M.; 6.30 p.m. E.

SUNDAY, the 12th July—11.30 a.m. M.; 6.30 p.m. E. and H.C.

SUNDAY, the 26th July—9.30 a.m. H.C.; 6.30 p.m. E.

THE MOTHERS' UNION Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, the 12th, at 6.30 p.m.

A GARDEN PARTY, in place of the annual fete, will be held, at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pettifer, in the grounds of Norton Court on Saturday, the 15th August. The proceeds will be divided between the Church Expenses Account, the Church Restoration Fund, and the Village Hall Fund. It is hoped that all those who have supported the fete in the past will assist the Parochial Church Council to make the Garden Party a success. The Parochial Church Council depends on the event for part of its annual income, while the Village Hall Management Committtee looks for the whole of its income from this effort. The charge that the Management Committee makes for lettings only covers the cost of the electricity used. There will be various stalls at the Garden Party and gifts for them will be appreciated. Mrs. Nash, 169 London Road, Teynham, will be glad to receive articles for the Rummage Stall, and a card to her will enable arrangements to be made if collection is necessary.

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, LYNSTED

SUNDAY, the 5th July—10.30 a.m. S.E.; 6.45 p.m. E.

SUNDAYS, the 12th and 26th July—8.0 a.m. H.C.; 10.30 a.m. M.; 6.45 p.m. E.

SUNDAY, the 19th July—10.30 a.m. S.E.; 6.45 p.m. CONFIRMATION.

TUESDAYS, the 7th and 28th July, 9.15 a.m. H.C.

SATURDAY, the 25th—St. James the Great, Apostle, 9.15 a.m. H.C.

ST. CATHERINE, KINGSDOWN

SUNDAY, the 5th July—9.30 a.m. H.C.; 3.0 p.m. E.

SUNDAYS, the 12th, 19th and 26th July—3.0 p.m. E.

LYNSTED ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

5th Mrs. Puplett; 12th Mrs. Dixon; 19th Mrs. North; 26th Mrs. Wyles.

LYNSTED CHURCH BRASSES ROTA

5th Mrs. Terry; 12th Miss Dixon; 19th Mrs. Genge; 26th Mrs. Mount.

THE MOTHERS' UNION Corporate Communion will be on Tuesday, the 7th, at 9.15 a.m.

A PEWTER ALMS PLATE, suitably inscribed, has been given to Lynsted Church by the friends of the late Wallace Loudwell. This will enable a procedure which was mentioned at the annual parochial church meeting of three years ago to be used whereby those who are members of the Free Will Offering Scheme will be able to place their envelopes in the plate on entering church, and it will no longer be necessary for collections to be made during Matins or Evensong. Those who are not members of the Free

Will Offering Scheme will also be able to place their contribution to church expenses in the plate on entering church. Notices, reminding members of the congregation, will be displayed in the church porch and beside the plate which will be placed on the Literature table before Services. A churchwarden or sidesman will at the appropriate time in the Services bring the plate to the altar so that the gifts may be offered.

It is emphasised that this only applies to Matins and Evensong. At the Holy Communion or the Sung Eucharist the alms, as the Prayer Book orders, will still be received from the congregation by the churchwarden or sidesman. The Pewter Alms Plate will be on the Literature table and members of the F.W.O. will be able to place their envelopes there on entering the church, and the churchwarden or sidesman will bring it together with the alms to the altar.

It was never intended that the alms received at the Holy Communion should be used for the maintenance of our parish churches but should be used for pious and charitable purposes, and any envelopes being placed in the alms bag will be counted as alms and not for the upkeep of the church.

On certain Sundays throughout the year when it is by custom the practice to give collections to special objects, then collections will be taken at Matins and Evensong, and due notice of this will be given.

THE AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY FETE. Monday, the 3rd August. The entertainments committee has been working throughout the year on the arrangementts for the Fete and endeavouring to provide a good programme of events. The programmes, it is hoped, will be available by the middle of the month.

ST. PETER, OARE with
ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, LUDDENHAM and STONE

The Reverend GEORGE BEDFORD, Brents Vicarage.

This is the first opportunity of coming into contact with you through the medium of the Deanery Magazine. I would therefore take this opportunity of extending to you all my very best wishes and a sincere hope that I shall meet you all personally in the very near future. Already I have had the joy of visiting both churches and it is obvious that there is a great love and loyalty to the Church. Despite difficulties, and how grateful we are to those who have officiated at the services, the faithful have given their support and help. Such faithfulness and loyalty is appreciated very much indeed. It is not only our duty but also our privilege to offer unto God our worship, praise and thanksgiving. I feel confident that as we dedicate ourselves to Jesus Christ, He will bless all that we seek to do in His Name. It certainly is my prayer that together in prayer, worship and work God's name may be glorified.

The amount received for the Free-Will Offering for April was £6.10.1.

Very sincerely,

G. BEDFORD.

SERVICES AT ST. PETER, OARE, IN JULY

July 6th Holy Communion 9.30
July 12th Evensong 3 p.m.
July 19th Holy Communion 9.30
July 26th Evensong 3 p.m.

SERVICES AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, LUDDENHAM, IN JULY

July 12th H.C. 9.30.
July 19th Evensong 3.00.

ALTAR FLOWERS. Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Dale.

Children's Outing to Margate, July 29th.

No Sunday School during August.

Church of England Children's Society Collection, £4.5.0.

ST. PETER and ST. PAUL, OSPRINGE

INTERREGNUM

JULY CALENDAR

4th—Garden Fete at Lorenden. Gates open 2.45, official opening 3.0, finishes 7.0 with teenage dancing. All proceeds to Tower Fund. Free transport will be provided.

5th—H.C. 9 and 11; Evensong 6.30.

7th—H.C. 10.0 a.m.

12th—H.C. 9.0; Mattins 11.0; Mr. G. N. Hibbert, S.P.G.; Evensong 6.30

14th—H.C. 10 a.m.

19th—H.C. 9.0; Mattitns 11.0, Rev. M. G. Semple.

21st—H.C. 10 a.m.

26th—H.C. 9.0; Mattins, Rev. Tom Rockley (Tait Missioner); Evensong 6.30, Mr. W. Glossop, C.M.S.

ADVANCE NOTICE. The newly formed Church Youth Club will be holding a Rummage Sale, 19th September. Half the proceeds will go to the Tower Fund.

INDUCTION AT BIDDENDEN. About 100 people from Ospringe went to the Institution and Induction of Mr. Gilbert as rector of Biddenden. It was a beautiful sunny evening and the service in the magnificent church was most impressive. The Bishop of Maidstone instituted the new rector and preached an inspiring sermon. The Archdeacon of Maidstone carried out the Induction. Present among the clergy from the Deanery was the Rev. Bernard Williams, Mr. Gilbert's predecessor in Ospringe. Many Ospringe people spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Williams at the refreshments afterwards.

Those who were unable to attend and do not know Biddenden will be pleased to know that it is a charming village in most attractive country and that we found the Biddenden people very friendly. The Rectory is a pleasant modern one almost next to the church.

LETTER FROM OUR FORMER VICAR

The Rectory,
Biddenden,
Ashford, Kent.
18th June, 1964.

Telephone number: Biddenden 454.

My dear Friends,

I want you all to know how very grateful we are for the very kind things

you did and said before and since we left Ospringe. We remember thankfully the large number who made the effort and came both to my last last service at Ospringe on May 17th, and to my Institution Service at Biddenden on June 5th. My wife and I, Francis, Mary and Andrew, were completely overwhelmed by it all. Consequently, at our farewell gathering, we found it quite impossible to express adequately how we felt about your generous words and actions. It was as much as we could do to look cheerful, as, in reality, we felt far from being happy at the prospect of leaving behind so many friends.

Thank you for your generous parting gifts, which included "Percy" (the parish Ford Popular car), a cheque for £50, and book tokens from three parish organisations. "Percy" will enable us to reach more easily the surrounding villages in this truly Rural Deanery of West Charing, and to "go to town" occasionally, to such places as Tenterden (seven miles away), Maidstone (13) or Ashford (14 miles away).

We are settling down to our new life in Biddenden. We are beginning the long process of getting to know our new parishioners, who have tried to make us feel at home.

When you are in the Weald of Kent, you will be assured of a welcome to our new home in the Rectory near the church. We hope you will act upon this invitation but trust you will not all come at the same time.

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,
MAURICE GILBERT.

BURIAL. June 4th—Emily Louisa Leonard.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

High Altar—5th July Mrs. Porter; 12th July Mrs. Elworthy; 19th July Mrs. Cooper; 26th July Mrs. Thornhill.

Hart Chapel—5th July Mrs. Bois; 12th July Miss Stone; 19th July Mrs. Swan; 26th July Mrs. Fletcher.

SERVERS' ROTA

5th July: 9.0 T. Santer, 11.0 R. Collier; 12th July: 9.0 E. Eason; 19th July: 9.0 C. Oxford; 26th July: 9.0 N. Porter.

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CALENDAR FOR JULY

Sat., July 4th—FETE, FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW, GUSHMERE COURT, 2.15. DANCE IN VILLAGE HALL 8 p.m.

Wed., July 15th—Parochial Church Council Meeting at the Church 8 p.m.

Wed., July 22nd—Feast of St. Mary Magdalen. H.C. 10.0.

Sun., Aug. 2nd—Girl Guides from Lees Court Camp will be attending Church Services during the day.

I want to thank all those who supported the Lenten Savings Boxes Scheme. The sum raised was £40, which has been distributed as follows:— Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Central Fund £10; our special project run by the S.P.G. at St. Christopher's Diocesan Schools Usuthu in tthe Diocese of Zululand £10; Central Fund of the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge £10. The remaining £10 is being sent to Miss Roberts, the Mothers' Union Worker in Seoul in Korea. She also does missionary work, and is the person to whom the Mothers' Union here have already sent several parcels of warm clothing for distribution among the poor. Last month I told you how we were faced with heavy expenditure in the Nave of the Church. The money we have on deposit, together with what we hope to allot from the profits of the Fete this year, should be enough to cover half the work. Ever since I became a clergyman I have had it rubbed into me that God specially helps parishes who support missionary work, and the Archbishop himself said recently that a parish which only lives for itself will die. Selling has always supported missionary work, so we can only hope that God will help US to get the money necessary to complete the job in one, instead of having to do it in two or possibly three stages. In conclusion let us hope that we shall all have a happy date at the Fete, that the weather will be fine so that the children will enjoy it to the full, and that we shall take lots of Brass ! !

MOTHERS' UNION. Tuesday, July 14th—Corporate Holy Communion in Church at 3 p.m.

CHOIR. The choir at Morning Services is very short-handed at present. Three boys now go away to school, the voices of two others have broken, another boy now has a newspaper round. No doubt others will be found in due course; in fact some of the smallest ones in the Children's Church sing very well. But in the meantime, are there any grown-ups who would come and help Mr. and Mrs. Hills and Pat at the Morning Services?

ALTAR FLOWERS. July—Mrs. Bruce Neame. Brass Cleaner—Mrs. A. Moon.

ST. JAMES, SHELDWICH, and ST. LEONARD, BADLESMERE with ST. LAURENCE, LEAVELAND

The Reverend E. A. MARSH (Vicar, Sheldwich) (Rector, Badlesmere, Leaveland)

We are grateful for the ladies who have volunteered to take turns at doing the cleaning of Sheldwich Church, for the time that it needs to clean a building a this size cannot be paid for in money that we can afford. A group of people working together periodically can do a great deal to improve the situation and we are grateful to these volunteers. Sheldwich now has come into line with our other churches in the matter of voluntary cleaners and whilst thanking the new recruits to the 'mop and bucket brigade,' I would like to say thank you also to those who so generously give their time to keep the other two Churches worthy of the worship of God.

We are missing the benefit of an organ at Badlesmere and Leaveland and in consequence our evensongs are suffering at each of these Churches. It is good that we should meet together and pray for things in general, the

parish, and ourselves and family. It is good that we should sit and hear instruction about the Christian Faith and our duty towards God: but an essential part of worship and the suggestions which are made to the individual comes through singing (as observations of the Commercial advertisers technique shows): and this is a sad omission which we ought to try to rectify.

If the obtaining of an organist should prove an insoluable difficulty we might look into the possibility of using some of the modern electronic devices as a substitute. Whether it would be possible for us to use a tape recorder to produce a few of the popular hymns which are used in the hymn singing sessions on the television or wireless to provide a background for our own worship, is an experiment I have never tried but others have tried it and say that whilst not an ideal substitute it is a great help. If any of our parishioners have a tape recorder and would be prepared to take a recording of some broadcast we might try the effect in the Church, and if it works it might tbe worth while going further with the idea.

One of the bright spots in our Church life is the fact that we have been able to keep our Post Confirmation Classes going, and it looks as if they can be kept up through most of the summer. Those ladies who are attending have found them both interesting and instructive; and I know from what they say, that they look forward to our evening together. If others would like to come along, they need not fear being almost alone for we often reach over a dozen. I hope that later in the year when work eases I will be able to start a similar meeting for men. In these days when we are being blinded with amateur theologians and science, it is good for us to know what are the principles for which our Church stands and the teaching which has brought comfort to many in their troubled hours.

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. James, Sheldwich—8.0 a.m. H.C.; 10.0 a.m. S.S.; 6.30 p.m. E.P.

St. Leonard, Badlesmere—10.0 a.m. H.C.; 3.0 p.m. E.P.; July 2nd, 12th, 26th.

St. Laurence, Leaveland—11.0 a.m. H.C. July 2nd, 12th, 26th; 3.0 p.m. July 5th, 19th.

ST. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS, THROWLEY

The Reverend F. D. FOSTER, Vicar Eastling 276

As we are welcoming the Guides this Sunday at Mattins I am reminded of one of their laws which is that a Guide is thrifty. This is also a Christian law which Christians do well to observe because it is commanded by God, and also because it works out to our advantage. Jesus showed that He commended thrift, when after the feeding of the five thousand He commanded the disciples to " Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost " and they gathered twelve baskets full.

Yet how often is this command forgotten. Scrap the old and build the new, is the modern attitude in certain quarters. It is true if there is nothing worth saving, a thing should be scrapped as it is like putting new wine into old bottles to repair it. But usually there is something worth saving so it is better to observe the Scriptural dictum to " strengthen the things which remain." Revelation 3-2.

There is, for instance, a lot of sound material left in our Village Hut and it is worth repairing. We want our annual general meeting of the Hut Committee, as soon as possible and also your interest so that you may be on the new committee.

But the words in Revelation primarily refer to spiritual life. How much remains of people's spiritual life since perhaps from a child they broke off from religious observance? *Something* remains, so strengthen it by more religious edification. The next Family Service is Sunday, July 12th at 3 p.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND BRASSES

July 19th Miss Foster; 26th Mrs. Hawkins; August 2nd Mrs. Barkaway; 9th Mrs. Fennell.

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SERVICES FOR JULY

5th—Stalisfield (*Vicarage Chapel)* H.C. 8.m.
Otterden: Mattins and Sermon 10.30 a.m.

12th—Otterden: Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Stalisfield: Mattins and Sermon 10.30 a.m.

19th—Stalisfield (Vicarage Chapel): Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Otterden: Mattins and Sermon 10.30 a.m.

26th—Otterden: Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Stalisfield: Mattins and Sermon 10.30 a.m.

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